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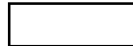
1. The Central Commercial Bureau (Kaufmaennisches Zentralbuero) of USIA, which is located at Stalinplatz 10, Vienna IV, buys pig iron, sheet iron, and band iron from Leipziger Eisen- und Stahlgrosshandlung, Leipzig G 1, Pfaffendorf and sells it to Czechoslovakia. Juschwneschtrans transports the goods. USIA purchases this material for East German marks, converts the value of the goods, on paper, into Austrian schillings and from schillings into dollars. Czechoslovakia must pay for the goods in dollars.
2. USIA makes use of Austrian import-export firms to conceal purchases of metal from the West. Among these Austrian firms are Ing. Otto Ploss, automobiles and automobile spare parts, Vienna III, Invalidenstrasse 5, and Ernst Kaiser, Vienna IV, Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 44.<sup>1</sup> USIA has contracts with these firms according to which they import metals from the West for USIA.
3. About 15 June 1952 Juschwneschtrans shipped to Sofia 250,000 B.P.O (sic) instantaneous electric detonators (elektrische Momentzuender) without primers. Juschwneschtrans got these goods from Schaffner und Co., Vienna XV, Sturgasse 34.
4. During June and July Rear Admiral (fnu) Krugloff, general manager of Juschwneschtrans was on leave in Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69). From there he was expected to go to Moscow. During his absence his deputy, (fnu) Archipoff, has been in charge, but Archipoff does not have Krugloff's full powers and is subordinate to the general manager of the Soviet-controlled DDSG.
5. Since June 1952 a new policy has been followed by the Russian Military Bank, Vienna. The bank honors only one third of each draft made by USIA in favor of its creditors. USIA has no other way to pay its debts. It is rumored that the bank is trying to keep as much capital in its hands as possible.

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6. Non-Austrian Communists have recently been appointed to positions in all departments of USIA. Two Greeks and One Hungarian have been appointed to Juschneschtrans. It is rumored that these are Russian agents and that their appointments indicate Russian lack of confidence in the Austrian Communists.

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1.  Comment: This firm is not listed in available reference material.

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